

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 683

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Juanita Kreis Smith of Morgan County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Juanita Kreis Smith; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Kreis Smith was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities and was the oldest female veteran of Morgan County at the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith served with acumen and alacrity as a nurse at Harriman Hospital and as an Army Nurse during World War II, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her patriotism, serving in the European theater of the war; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Kreis Smith was an active and devout member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Kreis Smith enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, John H. Smith, who preceded her in death, and is survived by her daughter, Jenny White and her husband, Rick; her grandchildren, Tara Paterson and Mark White; her great-grandchildren Patrick, Paige, Isaiah, Pamela, and Payton; and her brothers, M.C. Everett and Billy and wife, Susie Kreis; several beloved nieces and nephews, and other friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Edith Bardill Kries; her brothers, Johnny, Clayton, and Arnold Kreis; and her daughter, Pamela Smith; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Kreis Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Juanita Kreis Smith, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Juanita Kreis Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.